

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5-15, and 17-26 have been canceled in accordance with the restriction requirement issued in the co-pending application from which this application is a divisional. Claims 4 and 16 have simply been amended into independent form. Accordingly, the amendments are not made in view of prior art. Favorable consideration of claims 4, 16, and 27 is respectfully requested. Additionally, minor amendments to the specification were made solely to conform with amendments made in the parent application. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 02008.071003).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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